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SUBJECT: TROUBLE IN BANGLADESH: NO FRESH OUTBREAKS INTERNALLY

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1. BEGIN GDS: THE EFFORTS TO RESTORE DISCIPLINE IN THE SECURITY FORCES SEEM TO BE PROGRESSING. WE HAVE NO NEW REPORTS OF INDISCIPLINE IN THE ARMY OR POLICE FORCES IN THE NORTHWESTERN DISTRICTS OF RANGPUR AND DINAJPUR (REFTEL). AT CHITTAGONG NAVAL STATION THE SITUATION IS APPARENTLY CALM BUT THE PROBLEMS BETWEEN THE TWO FACTIONS HAVE YET TO BE RESOLVED AND OUTSIDERS ARE NOT BEING ALLOWED ON BASE. ON THE NORTHERN BORDER
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OF MYMENSINGH, HOWEVER, THERE CONTINUES TO BE TROUBLE AT

BORDER OUTPOSTS SUCH AS HULUAGHAT WHERE THERE IS A REPORT OF ATTACKS BY CIVILIAN AGROUPS PRESUMED TO BE SUPPORTERS OF TIGER SIDDIQUI.

2. BEGIN XGDS-4. THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEFENSE FORCES INTELLIGENCE HAS TOLD OUR BANGALEE POLITICAL ASSISTANT THAT DFI HAS CONCLUDED THAT THE EASTERN COMMAND OF THE INDIAN ARMY IS UNDERGOING A BUILD UP. SUCH ACTIVITY IS BELIEVED TO BE GOING ON IN THE NORTHWEST BORDERS OF DINAJPUR AND RANGPUR, ON THE NORTHERN BORDER OF MYMENSINGH/SYLHET, ON THE EAST IN THE AGARTALA AREA, AND IN THE SOUTHWEST BORDER OF KHULNA. ACTIVITY AT THE JESSORE BORDER IS DEEMED NORMAL. END XGDS-4.

3. COMMENT. WHATEVER THE CORRECTNESS OF DFI'S CONCLUSIONS, WE CANNOT IGNORE THE ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATION THAT THE IDEA OF AN INCREASING INDIAN THREAT WOULD SERVE DOMESTIC PURPOSES IN BANGLADESH AT PRESENT WHEN MILITARY DISCIPLINE MUST BE RE-ESTABLISHED AND NATIONAL UNITY IS A PARAMOUNT CONCERN OF THE COUNTRY. AND IF THE BANGALEES ARE UNITED IN ANYTHING, IT IS IN THEIR GREAT FEAR OF INDIA.
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